

In the Claims:

Please cancel in this application claims 1-14.

Please add the following new claims:

17. A suspension assembly, comprising:
a) a trailing arm;
b) a hanger bracket for attaching a leading end of said trailing arm to a vehicle frame member and defining a pivot axis for said trailing arm;

c) a spring acting between said trailing arm and said frame member, said spring is located with respect to said frame member, such that a centerline of said spring is substantially aligned with a frame sheer center of said frame member; and

d) an axle attached to said trailing arm.

18. The assembly of claim 17 wherein a portion of said spring is disposed inside a periphery of a wheel.

19. The assembly of claim 17 wherein said spring is an air spring.

20. A suspension assembly, comprising:

a) a trailing arm;
b) a hanger bracket for attaching a leading end of said trailing arm to a vehicle frame member and defining a pivot axis for said trailing arm;

c) a spring acting between said trailing arm and said frame member, a portion of said spring being disposed inside a periphery of a wheel; and

d) an axle attached to said trailing arm.

21. The assembly of claim 20 wherein said spring is located with respect to said frame member such that a centerline of said spring is substantially aligned with a frame member sheer center outboard of said frame member.

22. The assembly of claim 20 wherein said frame member is a frame rail.

23. In a suspension, a method of positioning a spring with respect to a trailing arm to reduce moment forces applied to the trailing arm by the spring, comprising: connecting said spring to said trailing arm such that a portion of said spring is disposed inside a periphery of a wheel.

24. The method of claim 23 wherein said spring is an air spring.

25. The method of claim 23 wherein said spring is located with respect to a frame member such that a centerline of said spring is substantially aligned with a frame sheer center of said frame member.

26. The method of claim 23 wherein said frame member is a frame rail.

27. In a suspension, a method of positioning a spring with respect to a trailing arm to reduce torsion forces applied to a frame rail by the spring, comprising: connecting said spring to said trailing arm such that a centerline of said spring is substantially aligned with a sheer center of said frame rail.

28. The method of claim 27 wherein said spring is an air spring.